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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The invention relates to aspects of a method of registering lightning strikes in the blade of a wind turbine, use of such method, a system of exercising the method. The method according to the invention of registering lightning strikes involves that the lightning strike is captured in a receptor arranged in the blade (5) of the wind turbine, and the lightning current is conducted completely or partially through at least one electric resistor (10), thereby heating it, and that it is registered at least that the temperature of the resistor is or was at some point increased. The heating of the electric resistor, ie the increase in temperature, provides simple and reliable registration. This can be extended to also comprise measurement of the amount of energy contained in the lightning current in a very robust and hence very suitable manner for the task. By the invention it is acknowledged that if a lightning current is conducted through a suitable electric resistor, this will "capture" a share of the amount of energy in the same manner as eg an electric radiator or a furnace, ie the resistor is heated by the current as a function of the voltage and the duration and hence of the amount of energy.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC 7 G01W1/16 F03D11/00 F03D1/00 H02G13/00 G01R29/08
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 G01W F03D H02G G01R

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

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